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TOPIC	Bombing Practice Ground of ZSITHAIN	
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1. A Soviet Air Force practice bombing ground is located adjacent to the ZSITHAIN (N 52/S 91) troop training grounds, about 3,300 feet north of the LICHTENBERG (N 52/E 92) - JAKOBSTAL (N 52/S 82) road.

2. 7 June 1949

Two single-engine fighters coming from the south on 7 June 1949 each released one bomb when diving at the target range. Ten single-engine ground attack aircraft flying in V-formation over the bombing area, half an hour later, each, dropped one bomb when diving together. The dive bombing was repeated three times. Two biplanes flew over the bombing practice ground at low altitudes.

3. 4 to 6 June 1949

Soviet single-engine monoplanes flying in formation of ten planes each, practiced both bombing and firing from aircraft weapons at ground targets on 4, 5 and 6 June 1949. The aircraft attacked repeatedly and released large-caliber bombs while diving. Several duds were afterwards detonated.

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**Comment:** The existence of the ZSITHAIN training field is known from previous reports. According to reliable information, the field is chiefly used by ground attack units stationed in FINSTERWALDE and GROSSENHAIN. It is noteworthy that dive bombing is apparently preferred to level flight bombing.

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